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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Dresch et. al  
Serial No.: 09/808,468  
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Group Art Unit: 2881  
Examiner: K. T. Nyguen  
For: ION STORAGE TIME OF  
FLIGHT MASS SPECTROMETER  
  
Attorney Docket No.: 840.066.202

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of April 1, 2002 please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 12 to now read:

12. (Amended) An apparatus as set forth in Claim 11 comprising means to control the timing of said means for pulsing said ions transferred into said pulsing region.

REMARKS

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action of October 24, 2001 Reconsideration is respectfully sought.

A three month extension of time is submitted together with this Amendment.